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LINKS WITH THE US.
THEY ARE EAGER TO SEND POLISH SCHOLARS TO THE US AND
EXTEND THEIR OWN CULTURAL IMPACT THERE IN EVERY POSSIBLE
WAY. A MODEST, LIMITED DISCUSSION CONCERNING WAYS TO
RATIONALIZE ECONOMIC AND MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES OCCUPIES
SPECIALISTS, POLITICAL LEADERS, AND PARTY JOURNALISTS,
ALTHOUGH AS YET THERE HAS BEEN NO PROVISION FOR OTHER
POINTS OF VIEW. THE VITAL ROLE OF THE CHURCH IN POLISH
LIFE HAS RECENTLY BEEN RE-ACKNOWLEDGED AT THE HIGHEST
PARTY LEVEL. FINALLY, IN THE FACE OF GROWING
DISCONTENT THE REGIME HAS SHOWN CONSIDERABLE RESTRAINT
IN DEALING WITH ITS DOMESTIC CRITICS.

2. IT IS APPARENT FROM THIS ANALYSIS THAT THE BASIC
TENSION AFFECTING US COMMUNICATIONS WITH POLAND HAS
VERY LITTLE TO DO WITH "...CULTURAL DIFFERENCES, LACK
OF UNDERSTANDING, MISPERCEPTIONS, DISTORTIONS, OR THE
ABSENCE OF A SUSTAINED DIALOGUE." TO A LARGE EXTENT,
AMERICANS AND POLES SHARE A COMMON CULTURE. ON MOST
SUBJECTS THEY UNDERSTAND EACH OTHER VERY WELL. THEIR
DIALOGUE HAS BEEN MAINTAINED AT A HIGH LEVEL FOR THE
PAST SEVERAL YEARS. MISPERCEPTIONS AND DISTORTIONS

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UNDOUBTEDLY MAR THE RELATIONSHIP TO A CERTAIN EXTENT,
BUT THE BASIC TENSION IS CREATED BY FACTORS EXTRANEIOUS
TO THE US-POLISH RELATIONSHIP, NAMELY THE STRATEGIC
EAST-WEST RELATIONSHIP, THE OVERWEENING SOVIET MILITARY

POWER RELATIVE TO POLAND, AND THE COMMITMENT OF THE POLISH REGIME TO MARXISM-LENINISM AS THE BASIS OF ITS RULE.

3. ARE WE THEREFORE DOOMED TO MARCH IN PLACE, WITH NO HOPE OF ESCAPING FROM THE STALEMATE FORMED BY THE OPPOSED CONSTRAINTS? NOT ENTIRELY; BUT DRAMATIC PROGRESS IS NOT IN SIGHT. OUR STRONG HISTORIC ASSETS ARE NOT JEOPARDIZED BY ANY OF THE REGIME'S POLICIES. INDEED, ASIDE FROM OCCASIONAL CHEAP PROPAGANDA SHOTS, THE REGIME DOES NOT SEEM TO WISH TO CHALLENGE THE POPULAR ATTACHMENT TO POLAND'S WESTERN HERITAGE, AFFORDING US CONSIDERABLE SCOPE FOR PROGRAMMING CONSISTENT WITH THE REGIME'S BROAD INTEREST. IT CONSTANTLY CHALLENGES POPULAR ESTEEM FOR THE UNITED STATES BY AN UNENDING SERIES OF CRITICAL MEDIA STORIES, BUT SUCH EFFORTS GAIN LITTLE CREDIBILITY, AND WE HAVE EXTENSIVE CONTACTS WITH THE PRESS. SO OUR HISTORIC AND CONTEMPORARY ASSETS ARE FIRM. MOREOVER, THROUGH OUR STRONG CONTACTS WITH THE UNIVERSITIES AND THE INTELLECTUALS, THE MOST COMMITTED LONG TERM OPPONENTS OF THE REGIME, WE ARE WELL PLACED TO PROTECT AND APPRECIATE THESE ASSETS. AS FOR THE FUTURE, ASIDE FROM WHATEVER ACHIEVEMENTS AND SUCCESSES WE MIGHT ENJOY, OUR GREATEST ASSET WILL CONTINUE TO RESIDE IN THE INABILITY OF POLISH COMMUNISM TO MEET POPULAR NEEDS AND WISHES. DESPITE ITS IDEOLOGY AND ITS LINKS WITH COMECON, THE REGIME HAS OPTED FOR CONTINUED EXPANSION OF ITS ECONOMIC TIES WITH THE WEST, THEREBY OFFERING NUMEROUS OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR PROGRAMMING. FOR THE PERIOD
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COVERED BY THIS PLAN, WE WILL BE BEST ADVISED TO:

--ENCOURAGE POLAND'S UNDERSTANDING OF US ECONOMIC PRACTICES, GAIN POLISH SUPPORT FOR US POSITIONS ON MULTILATERAL ISSUES, AND EXPAND INFORMATION PROGRAMS TO THOSE ENDS;

--PROMOTE INTERNAL LIBERALIZATION, GREATER RESPECT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, AND INCREASED PLURALISM;

--ENCOURAGE POLISH LEADERS TO MAINTAIN A MODERATE AND RESPONSIVE APPROACH TO DISSIDENCE AND TO ENGAGE IN GENUINE CONSULTATION WITH THE POPULACE;

--FACILITATE BILATERAL CULTURAL AND SCIENTIFIC TIES, EXPANDING THE SCOPE AND IMPACT OF EXISTING CULTURAL ACTIVITIES WHEREVER POSSIBLE;

--PROMOTE CONTACTS AND EXCHANGES WITH UNIVERSITIES AND INDEPENDENT INTELLECTUALS, FACILITATING POLISH

ACTIVITIES IN THE US AS APPROPRIATE; AND

--EXTEND CONTACTS WITH JOURNALISTS AND MEDIA
OFFICIALS, CHALLENGING WHEREVER POSSIBLE OFFICIAL
CENSORSHIP AND BLACKLISTING.

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